

NEW MEXICO STATE COUNCIL MINUTES Friday, June 21, 2024

PRESENT Teresa Ferenczhalmy, Compact Commissioner
Raquel Labadie, Holloman Air Force Base, School Liaison,
Beth Mann, Kirtland Air Force Base, School Liaison
Colonel Jason Okumura, Kirtland Air Force Base, Military/DOD Representative

EXCUSED Kimberly Arrey, White Sands Missile Range, School Liaison
Sara Williams, Canon AFB, School Liaison

GUESTS Cherise Imai, Executive Director, MIC3
Lindsey Dablow, MIC3 Training and Operations Associate
Allie Thomas, MIC3 Operations Coordinator

ITEM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order by New Mexico Compact Commissioner Teresa Ferenczhalmy at 1:02 PM ET.

ITEM 2 – ROLL CALL

2. Roll call was taken by MIC3 Training and Operations Associate Lindsey Dablow. A quorum was established.

ITEM 3 – INTRODUCTIONS

3. Commissioner Ferenczhalmy welcomed guests to the meeting. Beth Mann introduced Colonel Jason Okumura, Mission Support Group Commander at Kirtland Air Force Base and Department of Defense Representative, as the newest member of the State Council.

ITEM 4 – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

4. Commissioner Ferenczhalmy called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Ms. Mann motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Raquel Labadie.**

ITEM 5 – MIC3 NATIONAL REPORT

5. Ms. Dablow provided an overview of the Commission's training activities and introduced the Compact Training: Supporting Success, One Move at a Time flyer. The flyer listed the different methods of training the Commission provides and included QR codes linked to the information and registration pages for those activities.

6. MIC3 Executive Director (ED) Cherise Imai provided information regarding New Mexico's dues amount and reported the Commission calculates state dues using DOD data from 2022 along with a floor-to-ceiling dues formula. ED Imai introduced a proposed dues increase that the Commission's Finance Committee was planning for fiscal year (FY) 2027 to bring awareness to the State Council members and estimate how much time the state would need to plan and adjust for future dues increases. Chair Ferenczhalmy commended the national office for the support they provide and agreed

that the dues increase was much needed for the Commission to continue moving forward. Ms. Mann agreed that the national office support was much appreciated.

ITEM 6 – OLD BUSINESS

7. **By-Laws Review** – Chair Ferenczhalmay reported the New Mexico State Council By-Laws had been shared with the State Council members to approve amendments that were made. The State Council reviewed the updated by-laws and discussed the reasoning for the changes.

8. **Ms. Mann motioned to approve the By-Laws as amended. Ms. Labadie seconded the motion. The motion carried and the By-Laws were approved to be amended.** Ms. Mann stated she will email a copy of the State Council By-Laws to members for their information once the amended document was finalized.

ITEM 8 – NEW BUSINESS

9. **Purple Star School Designations**– Ms. Mann introduced a timeline that had been requested by COL Okumura that outlined when New Mexico expected to have a state-wide Purple Star school designation program implemented. The draft rules were sent for approval to the New Mexico Public Education Department (PED) and are expected to be approved this summer along with the program application draft. The expected date for applications to open is January 2025 with the first Purple Star/Purple Ribbon designations being awarded in April 2025. ED Imai asked if the program was going to be incorporated in the New Mexico Department of Education's budget. Ms. Mann stated that the DOE was not funding the program, but the State Council would be putting forth the requiring training for the professional development part of the designation requirements.

ITEM 9 – OTHER BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. **Annual Business Meeting (ABM) 2024** – ED Imai stated the Commission was excited for New Mexico to host the 2024 ABM and that the national office was eager to travel to Albuquerque in October. COL Okumura accepted an offer to speak at the meeting, and the New Mexico Secretary of Education, Arsenio Romero, had been asked to present as well. ED Imai encouraged the State Council members to attend the ABM Reception on October 16 to showcase how the state operates and the partnerships they facilitate. Ms. Dablow stated the ABM registration should be available on July 1, 2024, and would be sent out through Constant Contact.

11. **Compact 101 Training** – Ms. Dablow reported the next Compact 101 Training was set for Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 12:00 PM ET. The State Council members were encouraged to attend and to share the invitation to those that could benefit from the session.

ITEM 10 – ADJOURNMENT

17. Commissioner Ferenczhalmay thanked the participants for their attendance and contributions to the Council. **Ms. Mann motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Labadie. The motion carried.** The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM ET.